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SUBJ: STRUCTURAL DEFECTS IN CHANCERY

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1. EXAMINATION OF TWO AFFECTED WALLS IN DAO DIRECTLY UNDER TCU UNIT SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN CRACKING OVER LAST THREE DAYS SINCE TCU AREA EVACUATED.

2. WE HAVE DISCOVERED ON SEPTEMBER 8 SEVERAL HAIRLINE CRACKS IN OUTERWALL OF BASEMENT DIRECTLY UNDER SHIELDED ENCLOSURE. OBSERVATION OF THIS AREA ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10 SHOWED NO FURTHER DETERIORATION. THIS COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE RESULTED IN PART FROM MINOR EARTHQUAKE ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7.

3. ONE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS NEW DEVELOPMENT IS APPEARANCE OVER WEEK-END OF COMPARATIVELY EXTENSIVE CRACKING IN HERETOFORE UNAFFECTED (VAULT) AREA OF DAO DIRECTLY UNDER ROOM CONTAINING MAIN INCINERATOR AND TELEX. THIS IS ONLY AREA WHERE CRACKS CONTINUED TO SPREAD ON SEPTEMBER 10. WE

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HAVE MOVED TWO SAFES FROM THIS ROOM TO REDUCE STRESS BUT

ARE CONTINUING TO USE TELEX FOR LACK OF VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.

4. WE GREATLY HOPE THAT USG STRUCTURAL ENGINEER WILL ARRIVE
SHORTLY TO ASSESS SITUATION IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY CAN RETURN
QUICKLY TO NORMAL OPERATIONS.

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